International Ballet Theatre

Internship Opportunities 2016 - 2017

COSTUME DEPARTMENT INTERN

Description. The International Ballet Theatre's (IBT) Costume Department Internship offers the opportunity to contribute to the care, fitting, alteration and creation of costumes and accessories for each production. The <u>2016 – 2017 IBT season</u> includes Dracula, The Nutcracker, Jungle Book, Giselle and Stars of Tomorrow. Many of IBT's costumes were designed and created in Ukraine and a number also designed and created locally. Examples of costumes are available in the production gallery <u>here</u>. Great attention to costume detail and stage presence is hallmark of IBT productions. IBT productions typically have 30 to almost 100 dancers and actors in the cast. Documentation of costume and accessory requirements may also be part of this role.

The Costume Department Internship begins in September 2016 and ideally runs through June 2017. The schedule typically ebbs and flows with the <u>production calendar</u>. The exact start and end dates will be confirmed during the application process. Partial year internships are also a possibility; with a minimum of working on two productions. The Costume Department Intern's hours can be flexible in the weeks leading up to productions. Dancer fittings are typically scheduled around weekend rehearsal times. Alternations and costume creation work times are generally flexible. The Costume Department Intern should ideally be available to work backstage for a minimum of half of each production's performance dates as well as technical and dress rehearsals at the theatre.

Interns will receive mentoring from the costume department staff / volunteers, complimentary tickets to International Ballet Theatre productions during the internship, and a weekly travel stipend. The International Ballet Theatre is an equal opportunity employer and encourages women and minorities to apply.

Preferred Skills and Experience

- Two years undergraduate education with successful completion of coursework or equivalent experience in one or more of the following: stitching, machine sewing, patterning, dying, craftwork
- High school students will be considered based on experience.
- Very good attention to detail and organized
- Good communication skills
- Flexibility and ability to work within tight deadlines
- Self-starter, willing to take on a specific project or task development of the production
- Own sewing machine or serger is a plus

Application

Please send all application materials including cover letter, resume and two letters of references (academic or professional) to ibtballetvolunteers@gmail.com. If you wish to receive academic credit, please include an outline of your program's requirements for both the intern and internship site (International Ballet Theatre). Please be prepared to share a portfolio of work at in-person interview. **No phone calls, please.**

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